IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: GREGORY BOSS et al. Confirmation No.: 3079

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. BOX 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In view of the RCE filed on January 21, 2009, as a preliminary matter kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.